Amount collected by SCICI

115. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of money collected by S.C.I.C.I. from the auction of seized deep-sea fishing vessels in Visakhapatnam, since 1986, giving annual figures upto 1992-93; and

(b) what are the full details including size of respective auctioned fishings vessels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) A sum of Rs. 40.55 lakhs was received (including Rs. 19.66 lakhs in form of bank guarantee) by public auction of seized deep sea fishing vessels by Receiver in Visakhapatnam during 1992-93. No deep-sea fishing vessel was auctioned during 1987-88 to 1991-92.

(b) The following vessels were sold by the Receiver at the public auction held at Visakhapatnam on December 22, 1992:

Name of Vessel	Name of Fishing Company	Length of Vessel
MFV Sun Shine	M/s. Rainbow Sea Foods	23.07 M
MFV Sun Rise	Do.	23.07 M
MFV Mayil	M/s. Cholamandal Shipping	21.75 M
MFV Blue Caravan	M/s. Seagull Sea Foods	21.75 M

Vacant posts in State Bank of India

116. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some posts of JMGS-I are lying unfilled in various branches of State Bank of India under State Bank of India, Zonal Office, Meerut for the last five years;

(b) if so, what are those branches where these posts are lying vacant for such a long period;

(c) whether it is a fact that bank's work has suffered and rendering of better services to the customers has also been affected due to non-filling of those posts; and

(d) by when these are likely to be filled up in the interest of the bank's work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and, to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Security operation to check smuggling

117. DR. SANJAYA SINHA: Will Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Navy had recently set in motion a combined security operation with the Coast Guard along the Western Coast to check smuggling activities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it has been a success so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) Details cannot be divulged at this stage in the interest of operations.

Income tax recovery from Modi Group

118. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 1983 Godfray Philips (India) Ltd. of the Modi Group was asked to pay Rs. 150 crores in income-tax and excise duty;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps have been taken to recover the amount;

(d) what is the stage at which the matter stands;

(e) whether Government have received any communication in this regard from a Member of Parliament alleging collusion between the and "certain people in the Central Board for Direct Taxes"; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): *Income tax*: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Not required.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) and (f) Communication from various Members of Parliament have been received alleging that the Income-tax Department is not enforcing recovery of income-tax arrears outstanding against M/s. Godfray Philips (India) Ltd. and that the assets attached by the Income-tax Department have been released by the DGIT (Inv), Bombay under instructions from Delhi. It has also been alleged that assessee's petitions for assessment years 1984-85 to 1986-87 have still not been disposed of by the Settlement Commission since November, 1987.

The allegations have been duly examined by the CBDT. Only one of the assets of the value of Rs. 3.10 crores has been released after ensuring that the interest of revenue are protected. The order of attachment is still in operation against remaining assets valued at Rs. 41 crores approximately. This is sufficient to cover the expected income-tax liability of the assessee. For assessment year 1988-89 the ITAT has granted stay upto 30.12.1993 against collection demand. Regarding matters before the Settlement Commission, the Commission has not been able to proceed with the case in view of the stay granted by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court.

Excise duty:

(a) to (f) The information is being collected & will be laid on the table of the House.

Aid India consortium loan to India

119. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Aid India Consortium has agreed to grant a 7.4 billion dollar loan to India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large chunk of aid pledged in the past, remains unutilised; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for going for fresh loan?